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THE HEDGEHOG

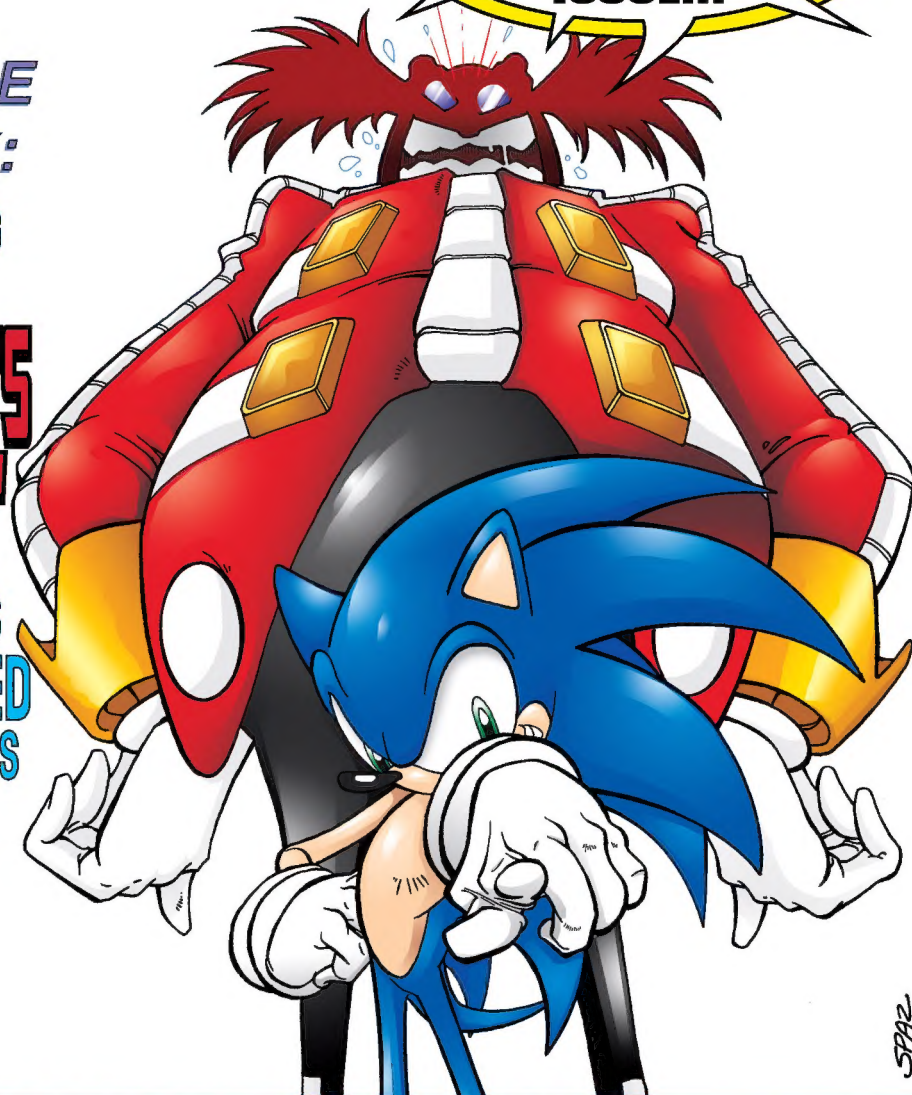
**THREE
TITANIC TAILS
IN ONE
ISSUE!!!**

FEATURE STORY:

REBOUNDED
FROM

**"ROBOTNIK'S
RETURN"**

12 EASY STEPS
GUARANTEED
TO HELP TODAY'S
HEDGEHOG
ON THE GO



SPAZ
KIBETRO

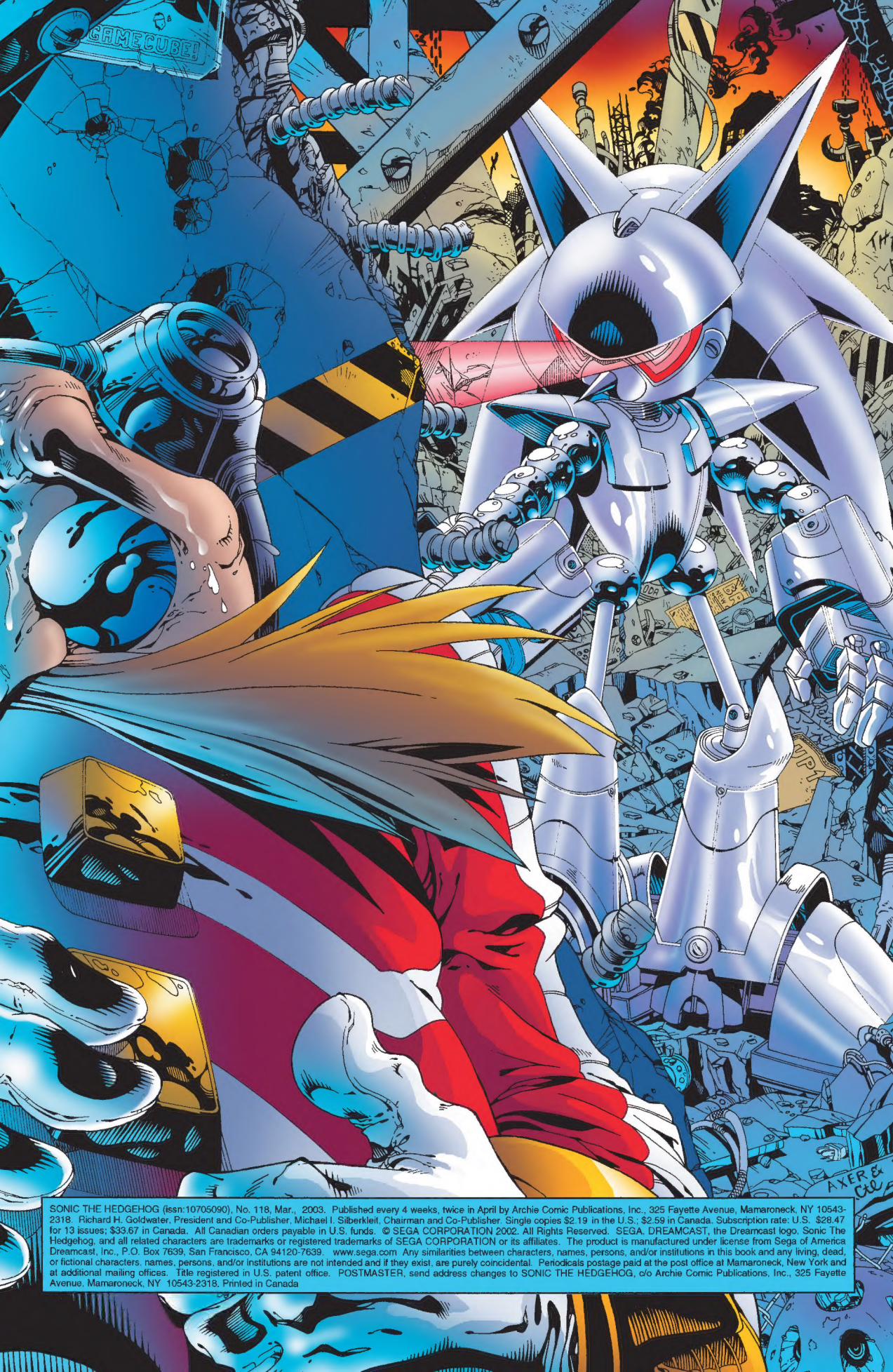
PLUS:

HOW TO GET HER
ATTENTION—
GEOFFREY
ST. JOHN
SHOWS ALL
YOU GUYS OUT
THERE IN
"HEART TO HEART"



KNUCKLES LEARNS
WHAT TO DO WHEN
"ULTIMATE POWER"
MAKES HIM THE
ENVY OF ALL
THE OTHER
ECHIDNAS ON THE
BLOCK





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ROBOTNIK'S RETURN

CHAPTER 1

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IT'S TAKEN WEEKS TO BUILD THESE NEW AND IMPROVED BODIES, WHILE WE BOUNCED AROUND VARIOUS INFERIOR BODIES...* AND FINALLY WITHOUT THE VIRUS THAT KEPT ME FROM DOWNLOADING KNOTHOLE'S LOCATION!

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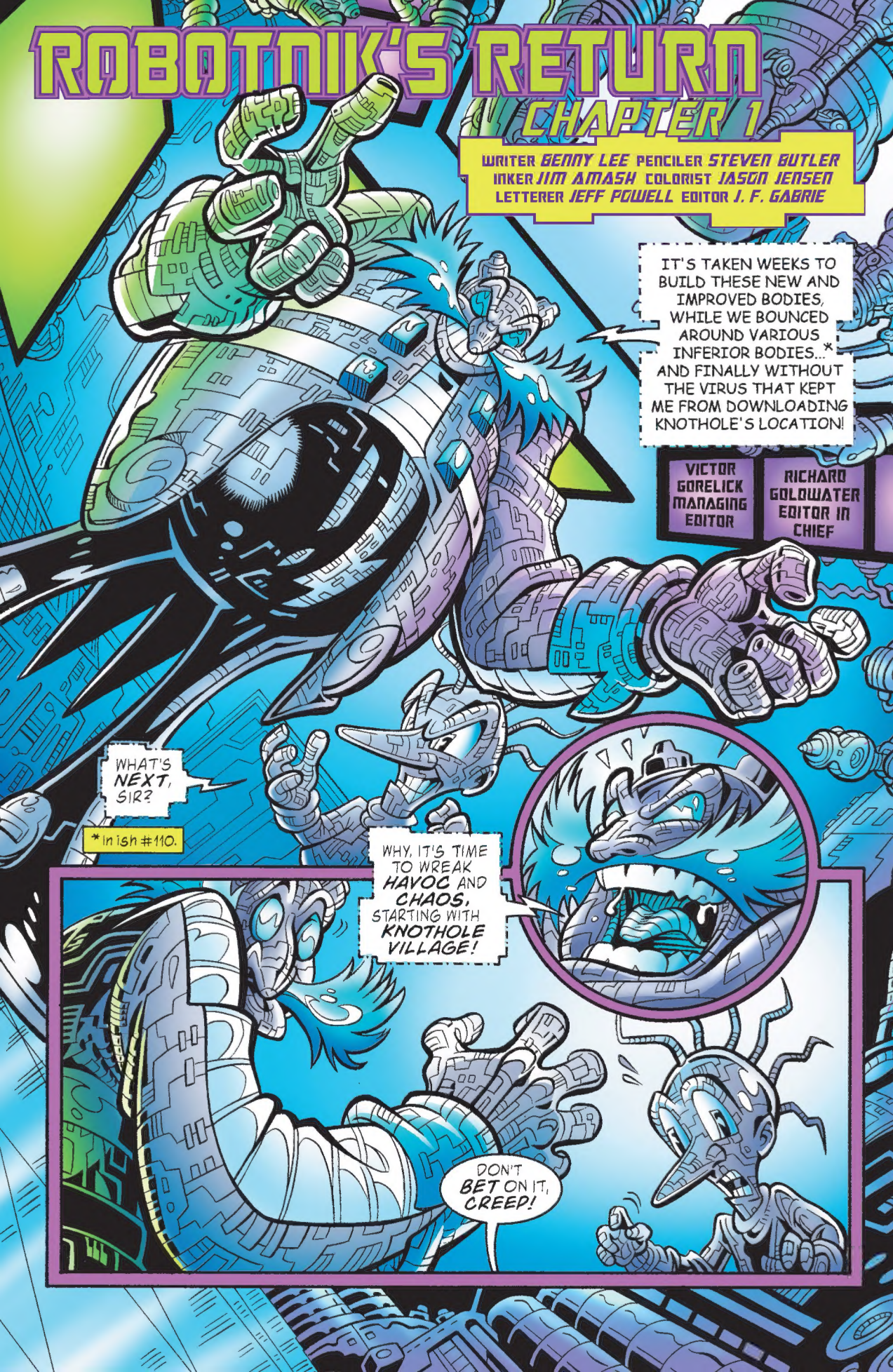
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CHIEF

WHAT'S
NEXT,
SIR?

*In ish #110.

WHY, IT'S TIME
TO WREAK
HAVOC AND
CHAOS,
STARTING WITH
KNOTHOLE
VILLAGE!

DON'T
BET ON IT,
CREEP!



SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

AND DON'T FORGET MY FREEDOM FIGHTING FRIENDS...

...WHO CAME ALONG TO KICK YOUR SHINY CAN!

NICOLE?

My scans reveal, PRINCESS SALLY, that this NEW version of ROBOTNIK--

--is unable to ROBOTICIZE others with his TOUCH!*

THAT'S MUSIC TO MY EARS!

MINE TOO!

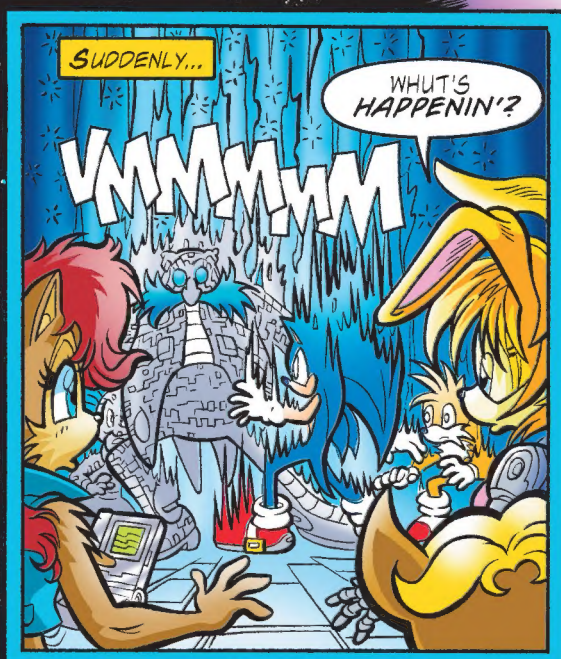
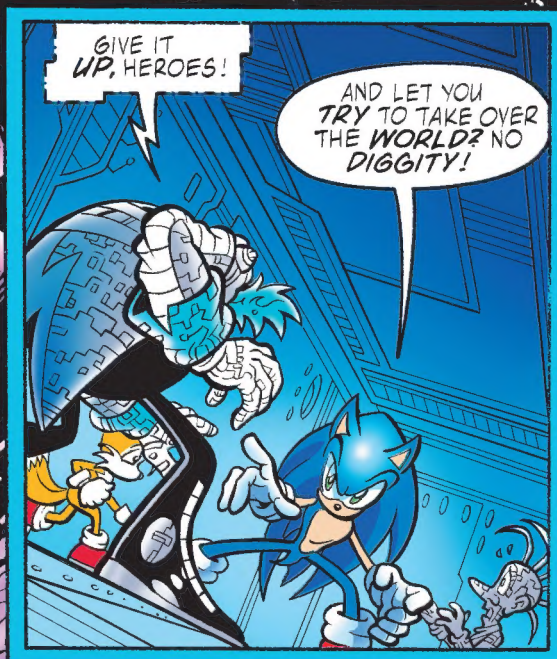
YOU CAN'T HARM ME, NITWIT!

K.O. N.G.

MY METALLIC SHELL MAKES ME IMMUNE TO YOUR BLOWS!

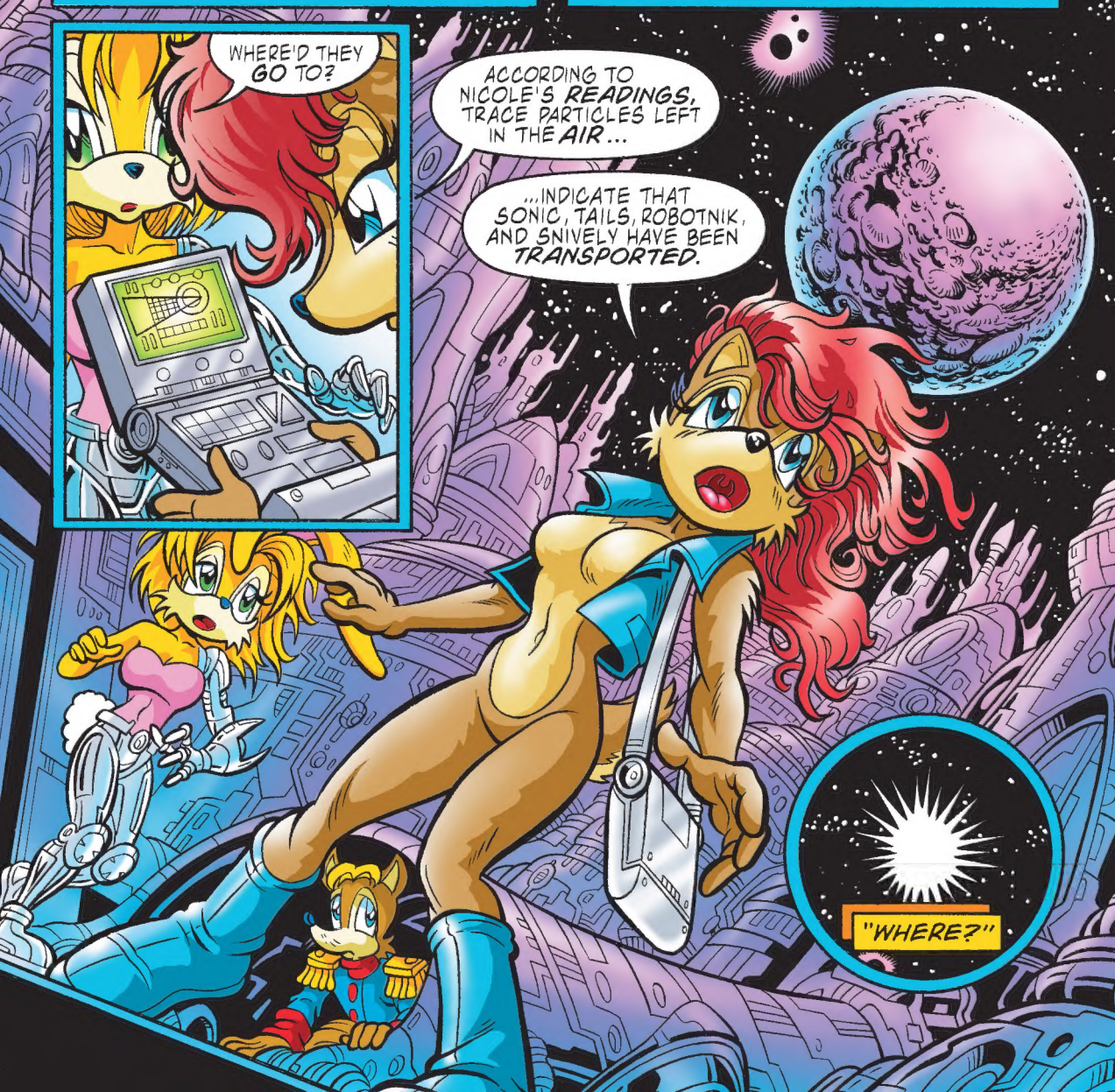
GAH!

WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!



ACCORDING TO NICOLE'S READINGS, TRACE PARTICLES LEFT IN THE AIR...

...INDICATE THAT SONIC, TAILS, ROBOTNIK, AND SNIVELY HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED.



ROBOTNIK'S RETURN

CHAPTER 2

"YOUR GUESS
IS AS GOOD AS
MINE!"

WHAT IS
THIS PLACE?

MOBIUS IT
AIN'T, THAT'S
FOR SURE!

THAT'S
SHITTY!
SLOWLY
VERY
MUCH!

SAY WHAT'S UP
WITH THE HARSH
LIGHTING?

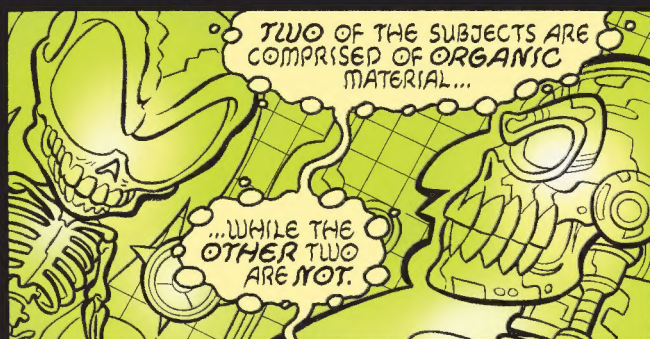
ROBOTS-1
HUMAN SUBJECTS
HAVE BEEN FULLY
BIOSCANDED.

WELL
DONE.

WE'VE BEEN
ABDUCTED BY
ALIENS!

LIKE, DUH WITH
A CAPITAL "DEE!"
"BUTT"NIK!

GET WITH
THE PROGRAM
ALREADY!



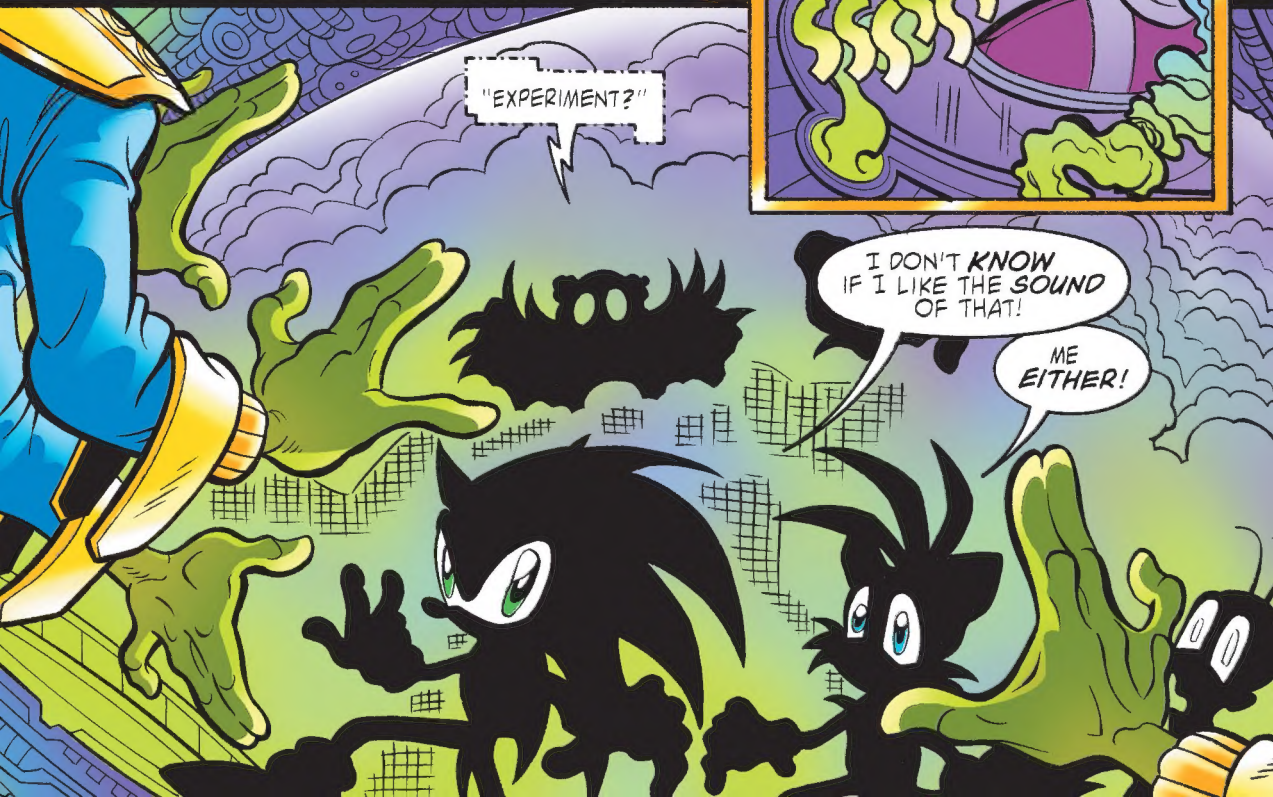
VERY WELL.
LET THE
EXPERIMENT
BEGIN.



"EXPERIMENT?"

I DON'T KNOW
IF I LIKE THE SOUND
OF THAT!

ME
EITHER!



**MECHA-
SONIC!**

SNIVELY! WHAT HAVE
THEY *DONE*? WE'RE FLESH
AND BLOOD AGAIN, WHILE OUR
FOES HAVE BEEN TRANSFORMED
INTO--

AND
**MECHA-
TAILS!**

NO WAY!

CHANGE US BACK AT
ONCE! I DEMAND IT!

FIRST YOU MUST
DEFEAT YOUR ENEMIES
IN COMBAT.

"...WHILE THE LOSERS
SHALL REMAIN TRAPPED
IN THEIR CURRENT
INCARNATION FOREVER!"

"THE WINNERS
WILL BE RETURNED
TO THEIR FORMER
STATE..."

GREAT.

ROBOTNIK'S RETURN

CHAPTER 3

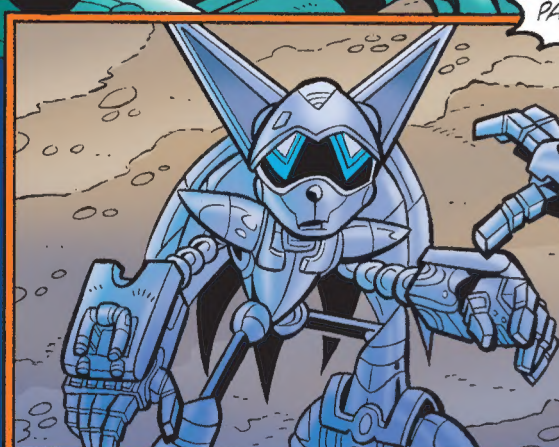
EITHER I'M
TOTALLY WIGGIN'
OR WE'RE IN
ROBOTROPOLIS!

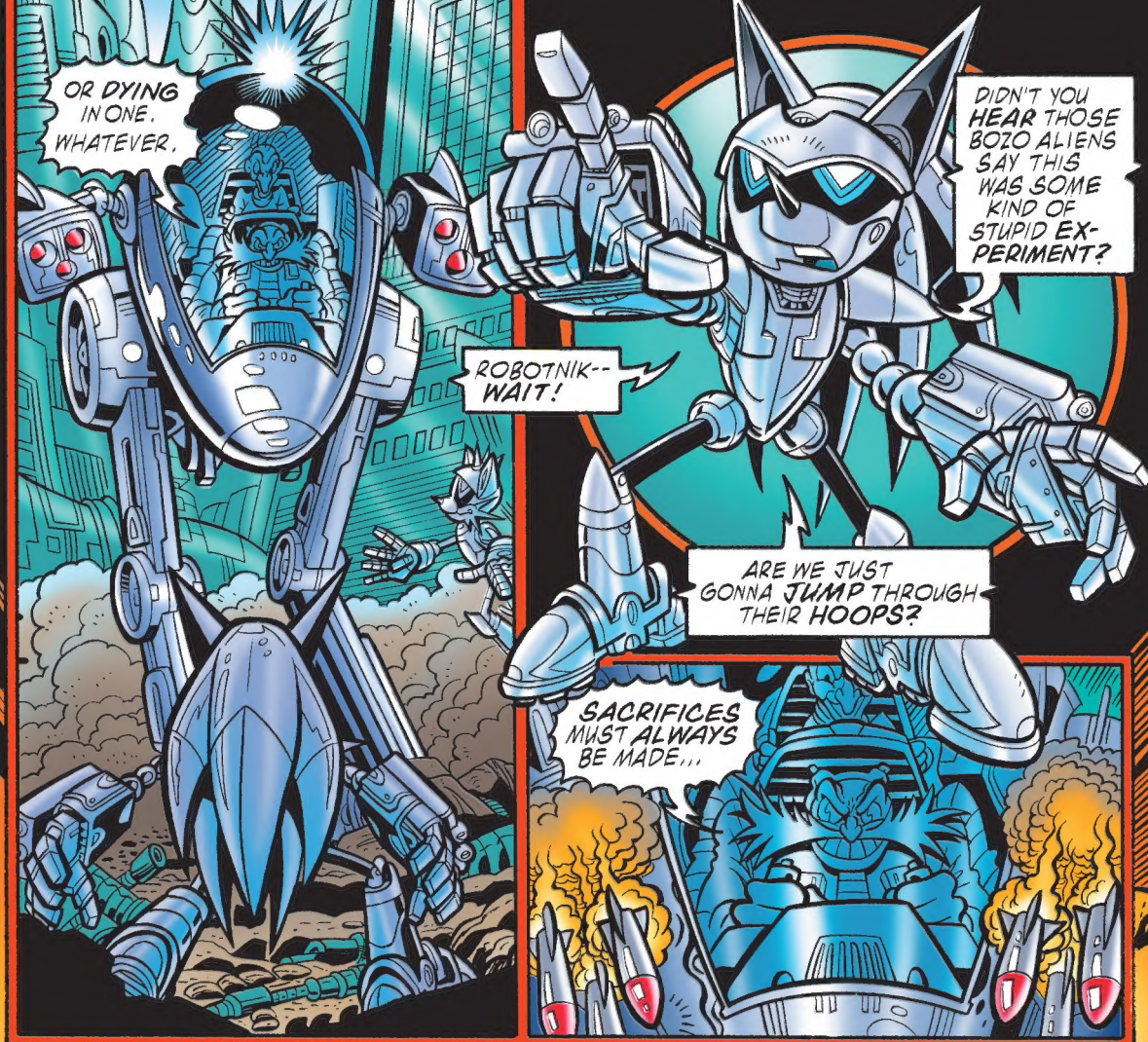
BUT
ROBOTROPOLIS
WAS DESTROYED,
SONIC!*

* Along with Robotnik
in ish# 110.

PATHETIC!

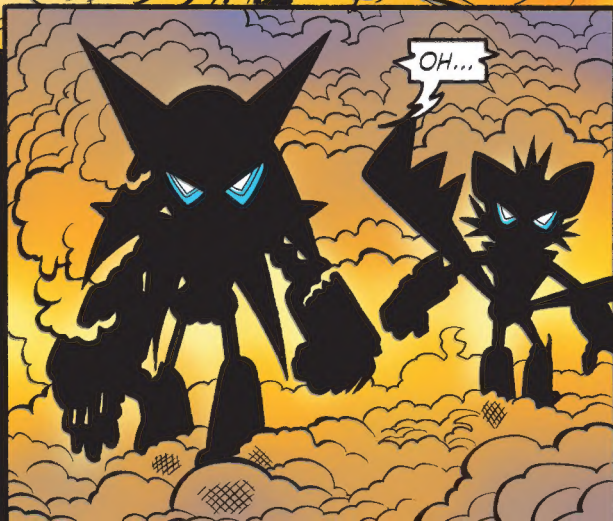
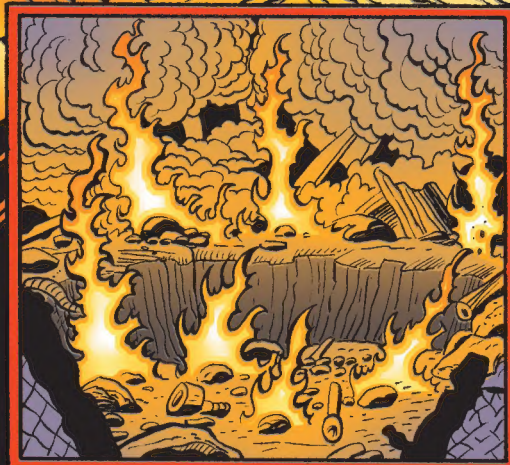
YOU BUFFOONS
WOULDN'T KNOW A
HOLO-PROTECTED
LANDSCAPE IF YOU
WERE LIVING IN
ONE!

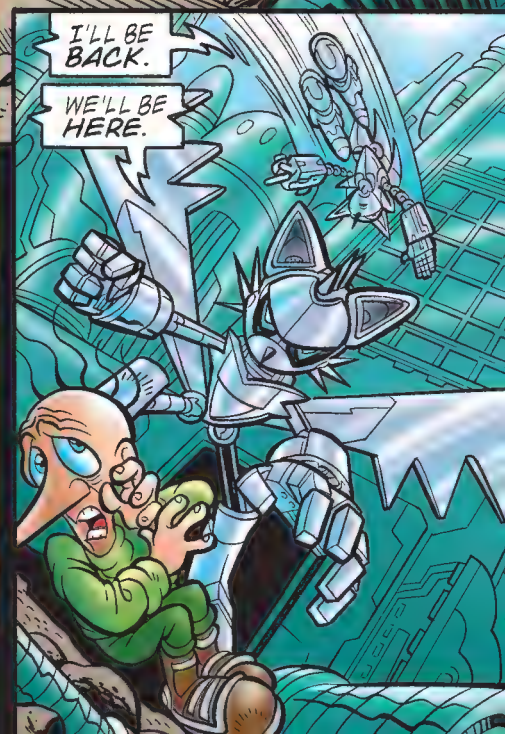
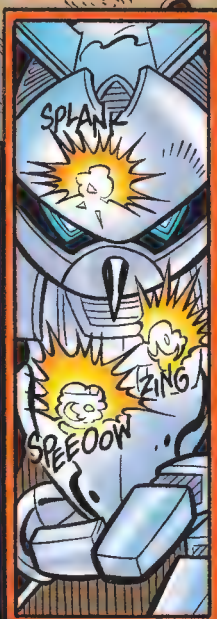
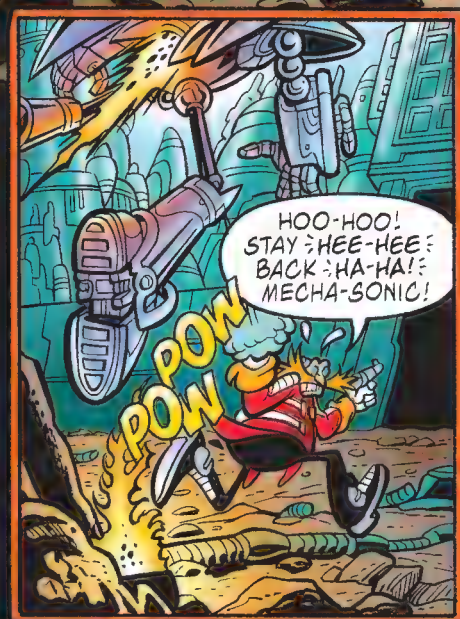
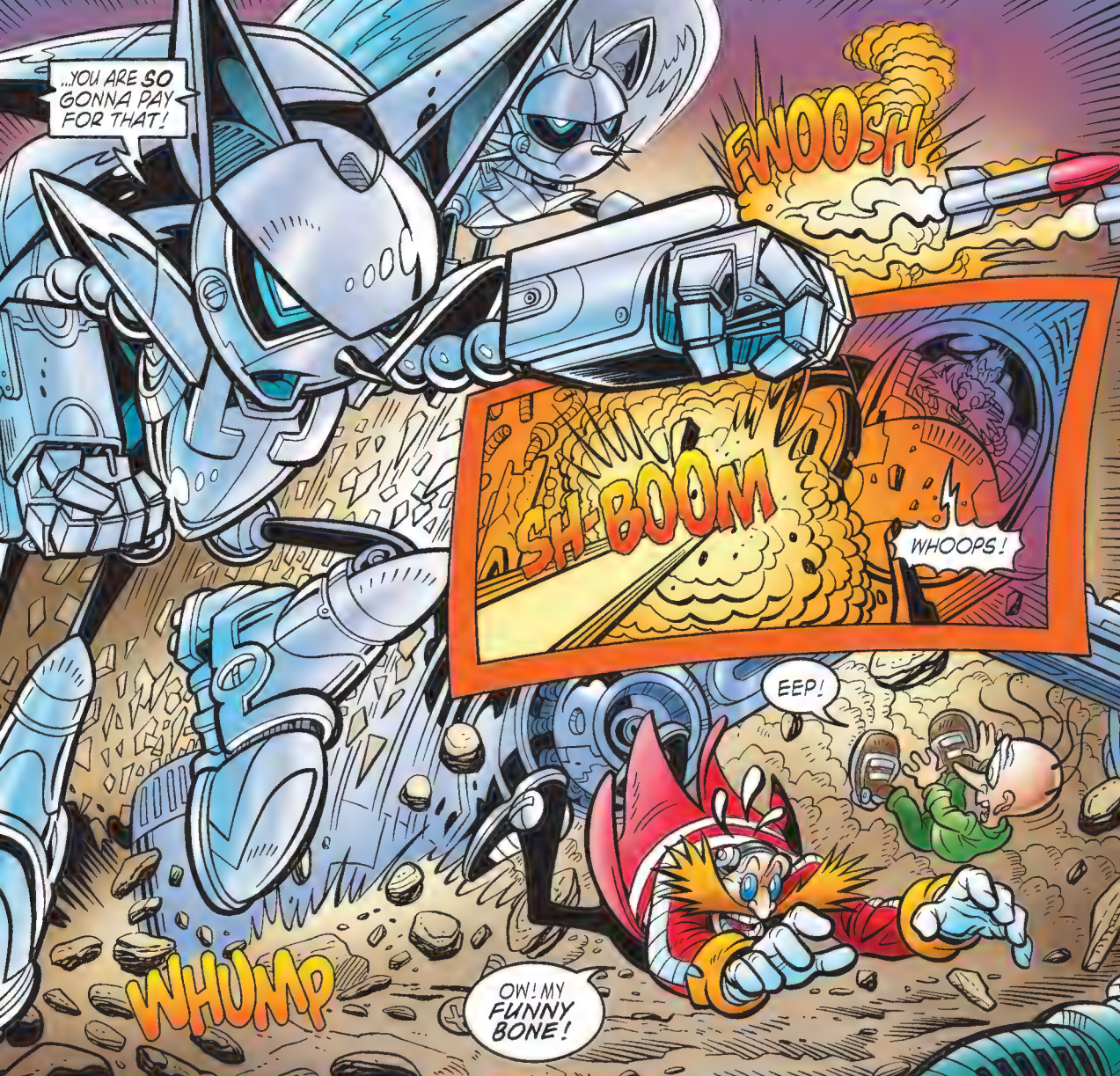


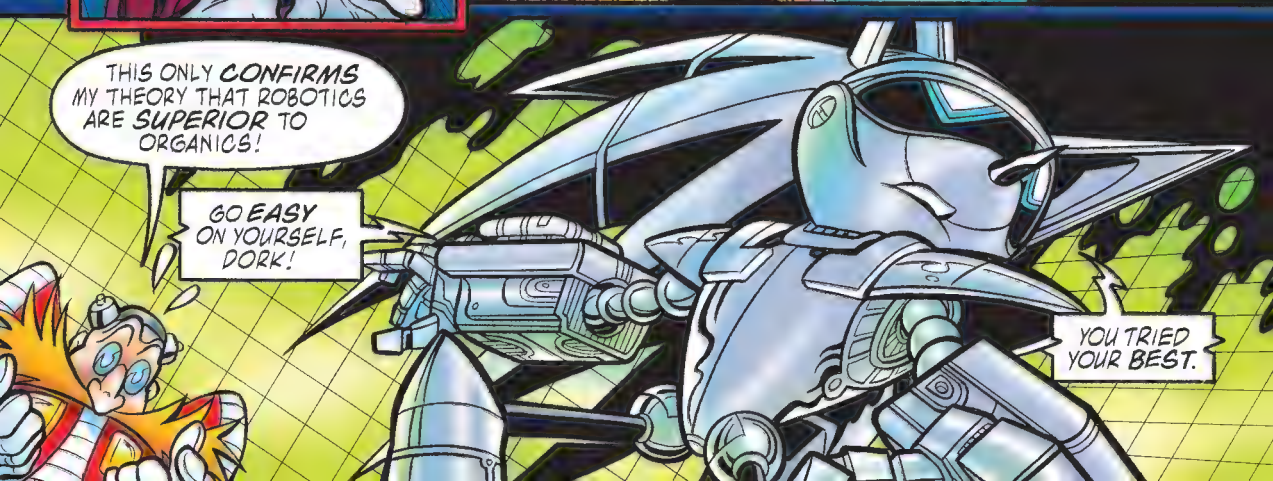
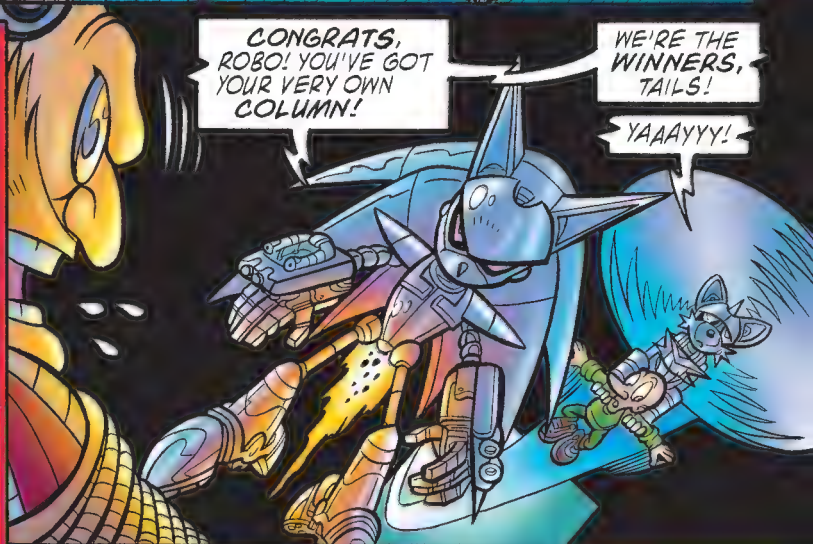
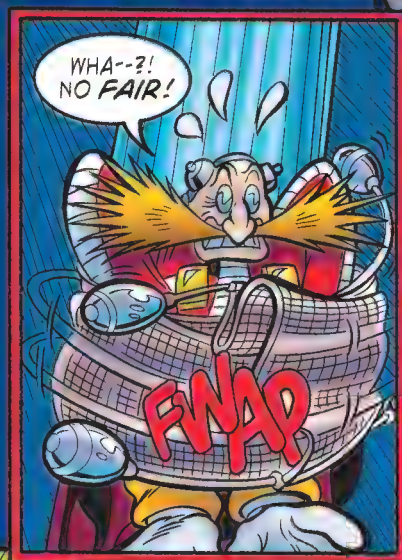
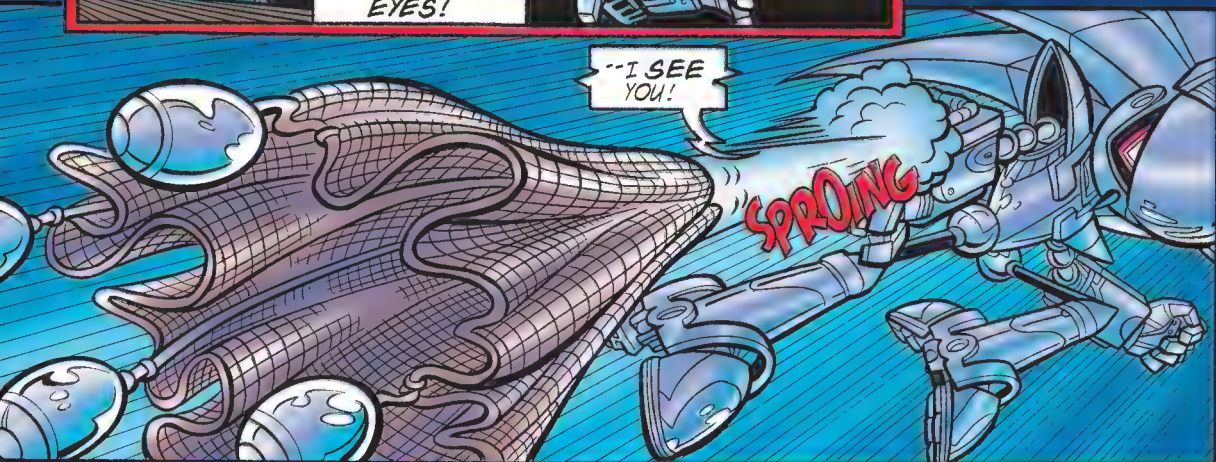
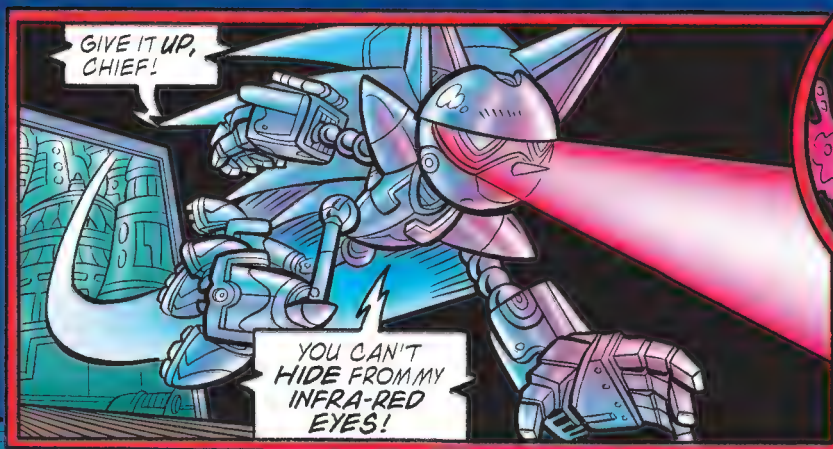


BOOM!

...IN THE NAME OF SCIENCE!







...AND, SERIOUSLY, **THAT'S** HOW IT WENT DOWN!

ALIENS FROM **OUTER-SPACE?** MECHA-SONIC? MECHA-TAILS? YOU KNOW...

...YOU BOYS CAN **JUST** TELL US IF ROBOTNIK AND SNIVELY MANAGED TO SNEAK AWAY!



"THEY **DIDN'T** SNEAK AWAY AFTER WE WON, AND THE ALIENS KEPT **THEIR** PART OF THE DEAL..."

BUT THAT MEANS ROBOTNIK COULD BE **ANYWHERE**, AND IF HE'S FLESH AND BLOOD THEN THERE'S NO WAY TO TRACK HIM!

"...THEY **BEAMED** US BACK TO THE SURFACE!"

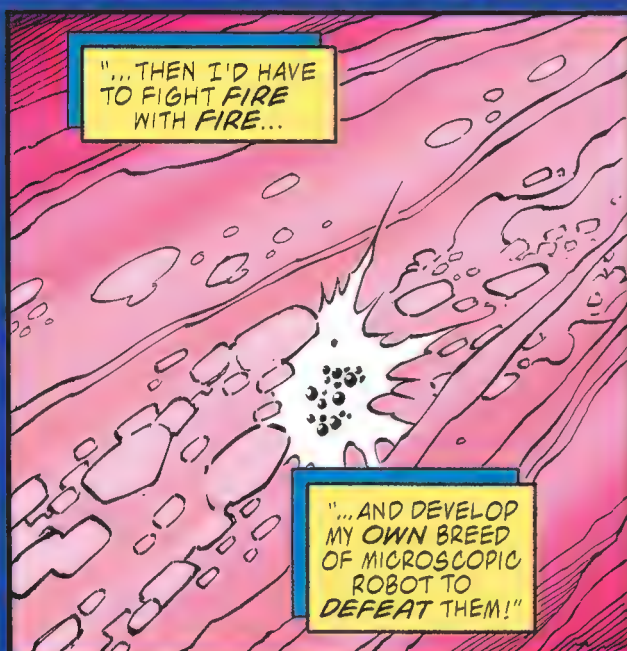
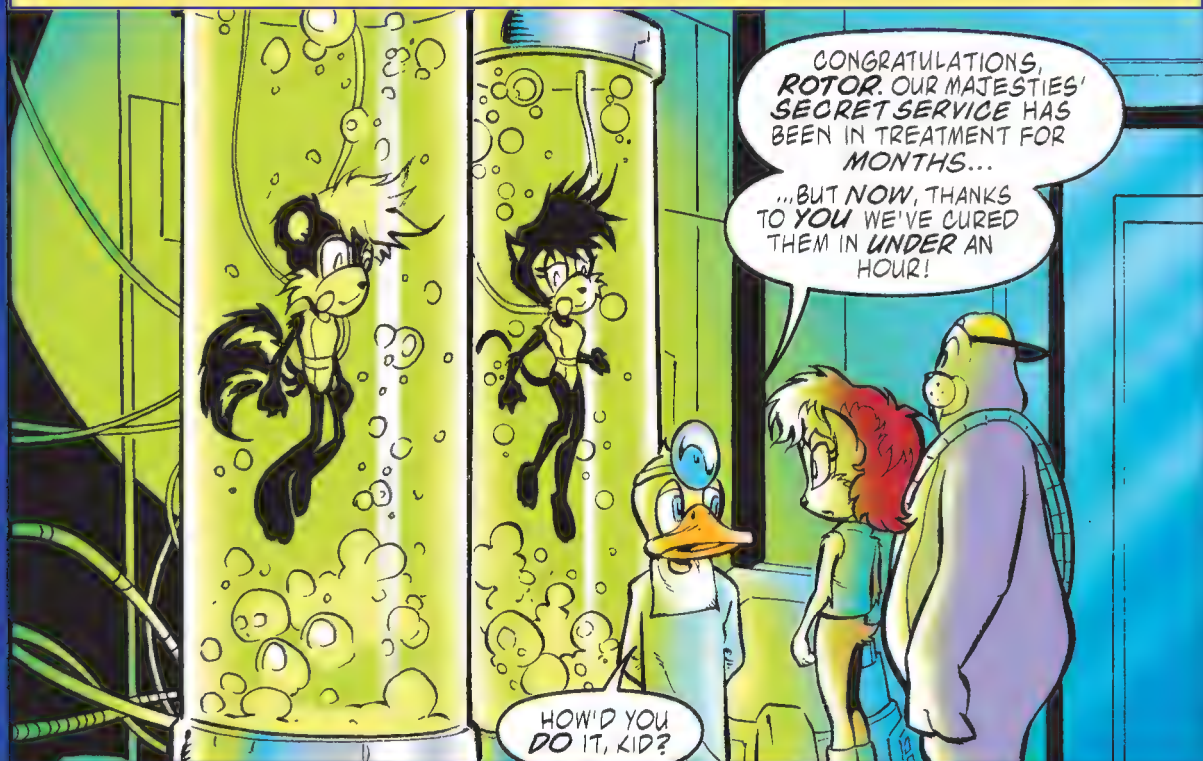
WHICH MEANS WE WON'T KNOW **WHERE--OR WHEN--** HE'LL STRIKE NEXT!

HA! HA! HA! HA!

The End... **FOR NOW!**

St. JOHN+HERSHEY IN HEART TO HEART

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LATER...

GEOFFREY!

H'LO, PRINCESS SALLY. I SAW YOU OBSERVING OUR RECOVERY EARLIER.

YOU DIDN'T THINK I'D MISS IT, DID YOU? YOUR LOYALTY TO MY PARENTS KNOWS NO BOUNDS...



...AND IT'LL BE GOOD TO SEE YOU RETURN TO ACTIVE DUTY LEADING THEIR SECRET SERVICE.



IN THE MEANTIME, YOU AND HERSHEY SHOULD REST UP WHILE I GIVE MOM AND DAD THE GOOD NEWS.

O-OF COURSE, YOUR HIGHNESS...



I DON'T GET IT, GEOFF. WHAT'S WITH THE FROWNY-FACE? AREN'T YOU GLAD TO BE BACK IN ACTION?

I, FOR ONE WANT TO MAKE SURE ROBOTNIK PAYS FOR WHAT HE DID TO US!



IF YOU WANT TO BLAME SOMEONE FOR WHAT HAPPENED, LUV, THEN LOOK NO FURTHER.

HE'S STANDING RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU.

"I GOT MY SENSE OF DUTY FROM MY FATHER, WHO SERVED THE ROYAL FAMILY BEFORE ME.



"I WAS **ANGUISHED** WHEN OUR KINGDOM FELL TO ROBOTNIK AND HIS ROBOTIC HORDE...

"...BUT I WAS **RELIEVED** MY FATHER HADN'T LIVED TO SEE THAT AWFUL DAY.



"SHORTLY AFTER I BECAME LEADER OF THE REBEL UNDERGROUND...

"I MET SALLY, THE ONLY LIVING HEIR TO THE KINGDOM. I THOUGHT SHE WAS **BEAUTIFUL**...



"...BUT IT WAS **OBVIOUS** THAT HER HEART BELONGED TO ANOTHER.

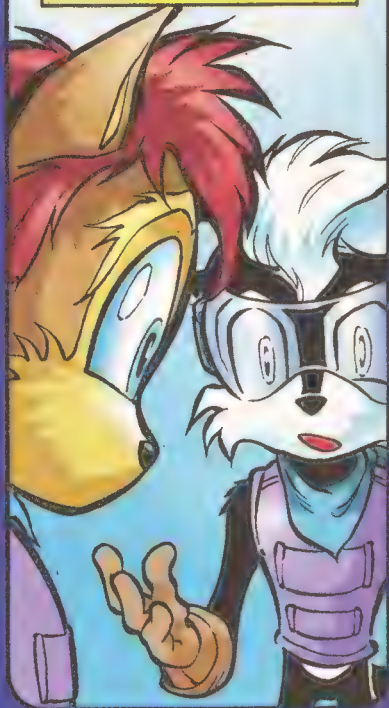


"IMAGINE OUR **JOY** WHEN WE FOUND OUT THAT NOT **ONLY** HAD THE KING SURVIVED ROBOTNIK'S INVASION...

"...BUT THE **QUEEN** AND THE **PRINCE**, WHO WE THOUGHT DIED YEARS EARLIER, WERE **ALSO** ALIVE AND WELL.



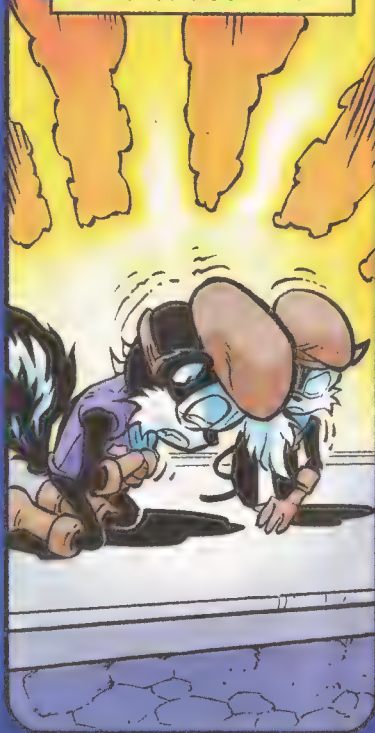
"AFTER KING MAX'S INJURY CAUSED **PRINCE ELIAS** TO ASSUME THE **ROLE OF LEADER**, I SOUGHT TO AID HIS **INEXPERIENCE**.



"I FELT IT WAS MY DUTY TO PROVE THAT I WAS AS CAPABLE AS SONIC..."



"...BUT *INSTEAD* MY EGO CAUSED MY TEAM TO FALL VICTIM TO DOCTOR ROBOTNIK."



"IT'S NO *SURPRISE* THE PRINCE IMPOSED EXILE ON HIMSELF."

"EVERY BIT OF ADVICE I *GAVE* HIM WAS SELF-SERVING AND USELESS."



I *FAILED* PRINCE ELIAS, I'VE *FAILED* THE KINGDOM, I'VE *FAILED* MY FATHER'S MEMORY.

I'M *NOT* RETURNING TO ACTIVE DUTY, HERSHEY, BECAUSE I *DON'T* DESERVE TO.

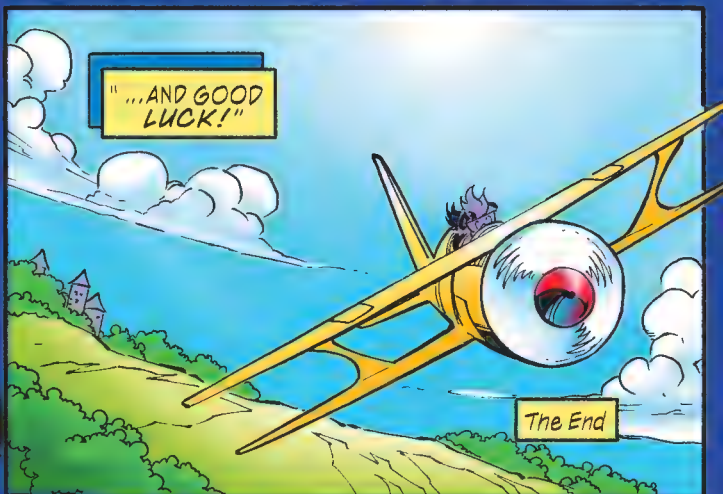
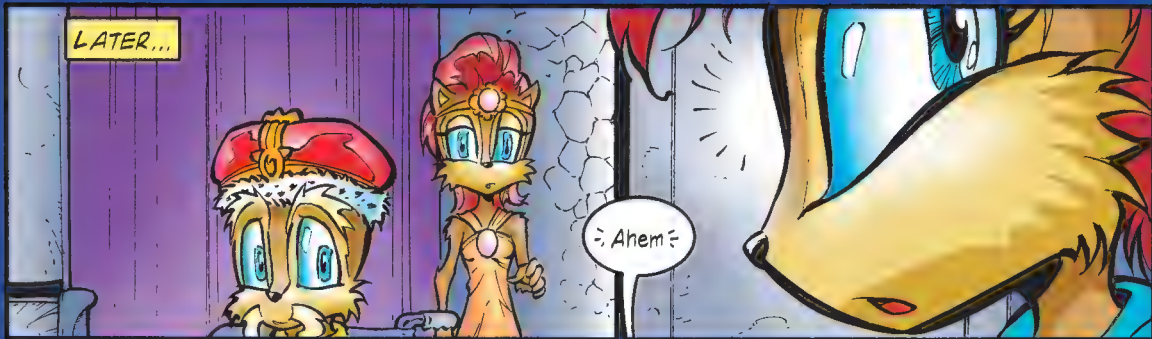


NO WAY, GEOFF, YOU LOST YOUR *WAY* FOR A WHILE, BUT YOU'RE A *HERO*, HOTSTUFF...



...THAT'S WHAT MADE ME *FALL* FOR YOU.





KNUCKLES

THE ECHIDNA
IS CONFRONTED BY A CHOICE
THAT DEFINES A *HERO*...

EITHER YOU
STEP INTO MY *CHAOS
SYPHON CHAMBER*,
ECHIDNA --

-- OR WITH
THE *PRESS* OF
A *BUTTON* --

-- *DIMITRI* WILL BE
TERMINATED!

CHAOS
SYPHON -- ? BUT
HOW -- ?

KEN PENDERS
SCRIPT, LAYOUTS, LETTERS & INKS

DAWN BEST
PENCILS

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EDITOR

-- ONCE AGAIN UNLEASH ANOTHER SEGA-INSPIRED SPECTACULAR IN THE NEVERENDING BATTLE
AGAINST THE FORCES OF DARKNESS!

I HAVEN'T LIVED A
MILLENNIA WITHOUT
LEARNING WHAT MAKES
THE WORLD TICK!

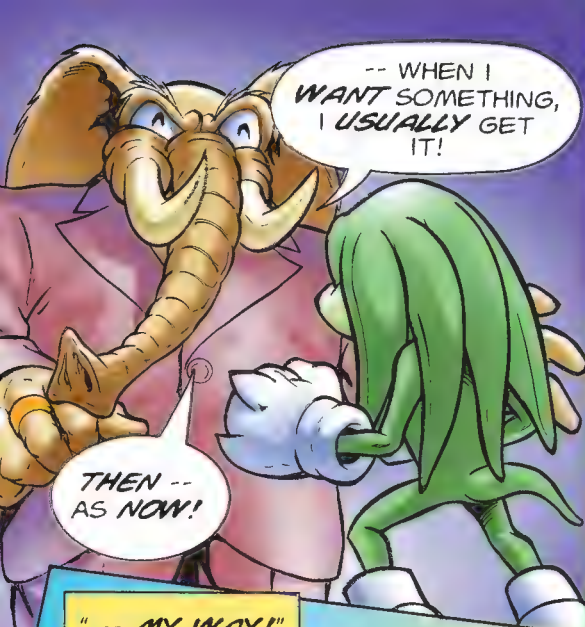
WERE YOU AWARE
I ENCOUNTERED *DIMITRI*
BACK WHEN HE *ORIGIN-
ALLY* DESIGNED THE
SYPHON?

WE'RE
NOT EXACTLY
*BOSOM
BUDDIES* --

-- AND I
DOUBT
NEITHER
WERE
YOU!

TOUCHÉ!

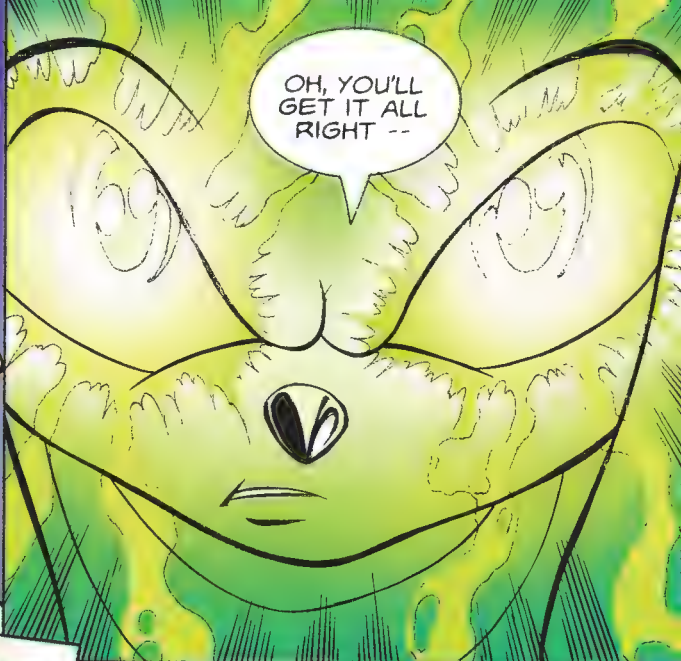
MY POINT
BEING --



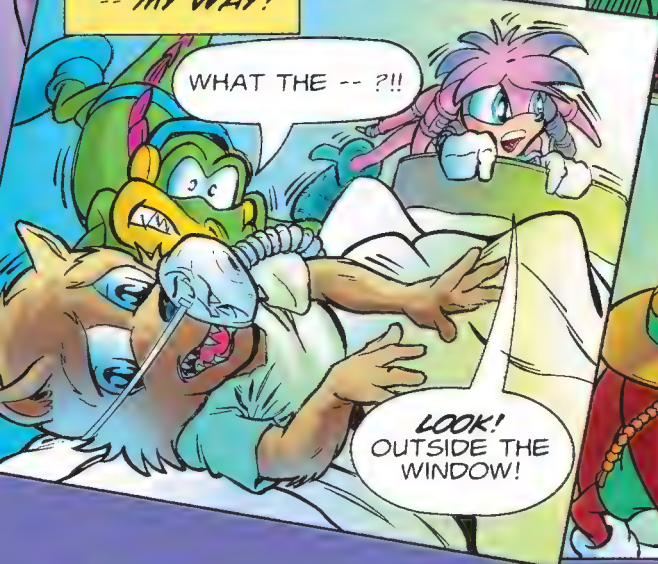
-- WHEN I WANT SOMETHING, I USUALLY GET IT!

THEN -- AS NOW!

" -- MY WAY!"



OH, YOU'LL GET IT ALL RIGHT --



WHAT THE -- ?!!

LOOK! OUTSIDE THE WINDOW!

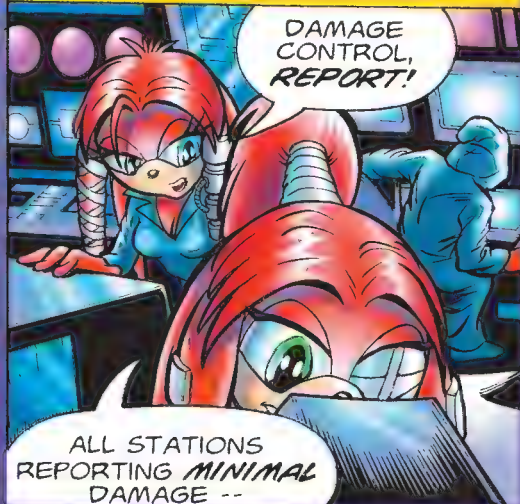


GREEN FLASHES OF LIGHT!

THAT MUST BE WHERE KNUCKLES IS!

LET'S GO!

AT THAT SAME MOMENT ELSEWHERE IN THE CITY, ABOARD THE DARK LEGION BATTLECRUISER...



DAMAGE CONTROL, REPORT!

ALL STATIONS REPORTING MINIMAL DAMAGE --

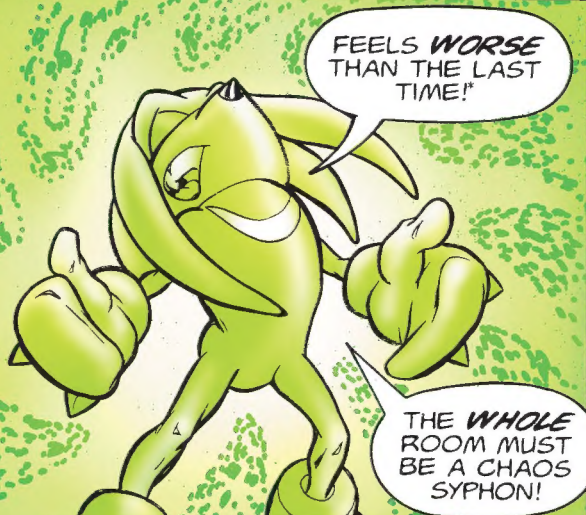
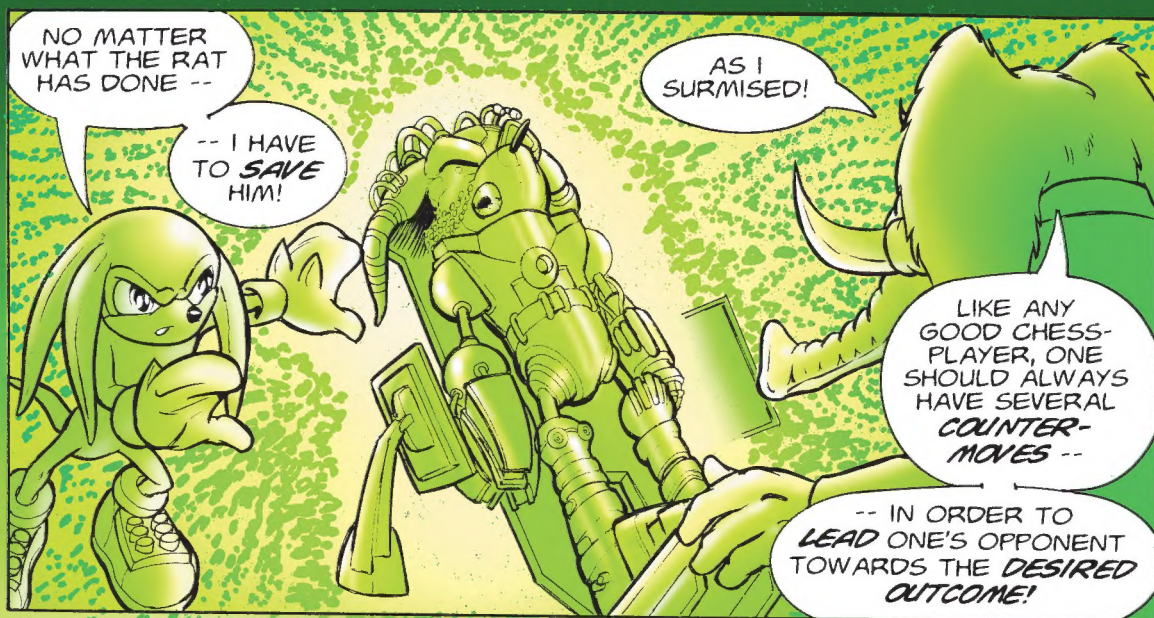
-- WHILE SENSORS ARE SHOWING STRONG CHAOS ENERGY READINGS --

-- COMING FROM HERE!



ASSEMBLE A TEAM TO ACCOMPANY ME!

MORE THAN LIKELY IT'S KNUCKLES --



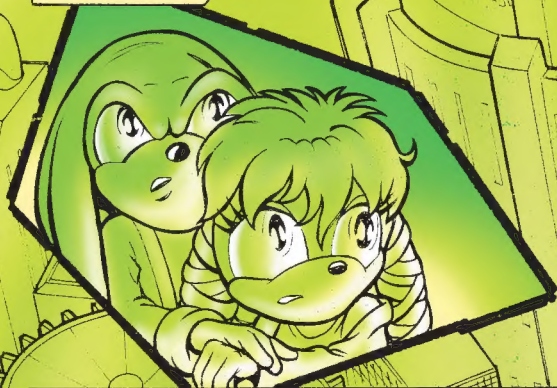
* KNUCKLES HAD A SIMILAR EXPERIENCE BACK IN *SONIC #99* - JUSTIN.

WITHOUT HESITATION, WITHOUT REGARD FOR HIS OWN SELF, THE ECHIDNA KNOWN AS KNUCKLES BEGINS TO EXPEND MORE ENERGY THAN HE EVER CONCEIVED POSSIBLE!



IT IS AT THAT MOMENT THE *MEANING* OF HIS LIFE BECOMES ALL TOO *CLEAR*!

ALL THAT HE HOLDS DEAR WOULD BE PLACED IN THE GREATEST OF *JEOPARDY* SHOULD THE *PERNICIOUS PACHYDERM* CARRY OUT HIS *INSIDIOUS SCHEME* TO FRUITION!



UPON REALIZING THIS ONE SIMPLE FACT, KNUCKLES CRANKS IT TO THE *ULTIMATE*, RESULTING IN A FORCE WITNESSED BY MANY, INCLUDING THOSE POSSESSING A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE EVENTS TRANSPIRING!



DEEP WITHIN THE PIT OF THEIR BEING IS A SENSATION --

-- THEY MAY BE JUST
A BIT *TOO LATE!*

IT'S HARD
TO SAY WHAT
WE'LL *FIND*,
JULIE-SU!

THE WHOLE
NEIGHBORHOOD IS A
DISASTER AREA!

LOOK WHAT
SLITHERED OUT
FROM *UNDER*
HER ROCK!

LIEN-DA!

I HOPE YOU
HAVE A GOOD
EXPLANATION
FOR BEING
HERE!

WE'RE
HERE FOR
DIMITRI --

-- AND I *PROMISE*
YOU A *FIGHT* IF
YOU TRY TO STOP
US!

SINCE THE *GUARDIAN*
WAS *ALSO* CONCERNED FOR
HIS WELL-BEING, YOU MAY
REMAIN AND ASSIST!

THANK YOU,
CONSTABLE!

IF HE ONLY KNEW
WHOM HE *TRULY*
WAS ADDRESSING!

*GREAT-
GRANDFATHER!*

DON'T
WORRY
OVER ME,
CHILD!

LOOK FOR
KNUCKLES!

"IF NOT
FOR HIM -- "

OH,
NO!

